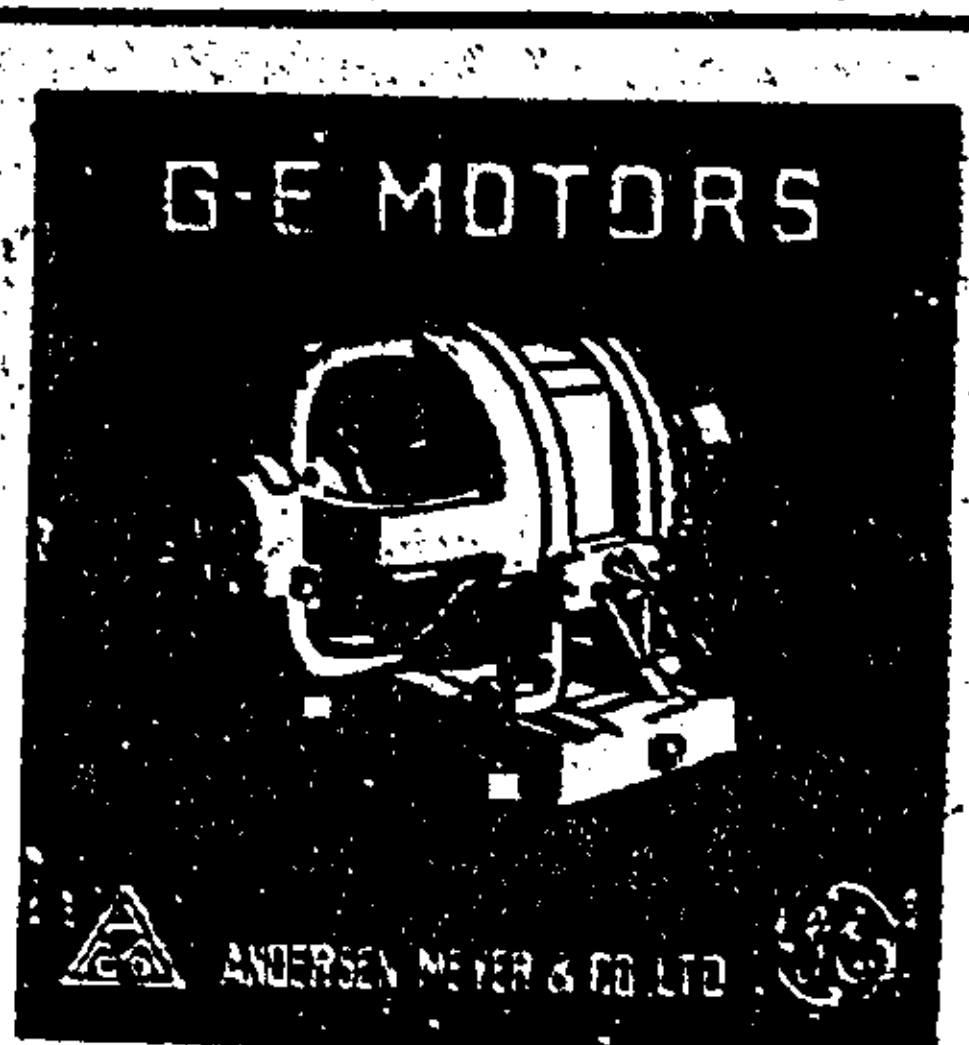




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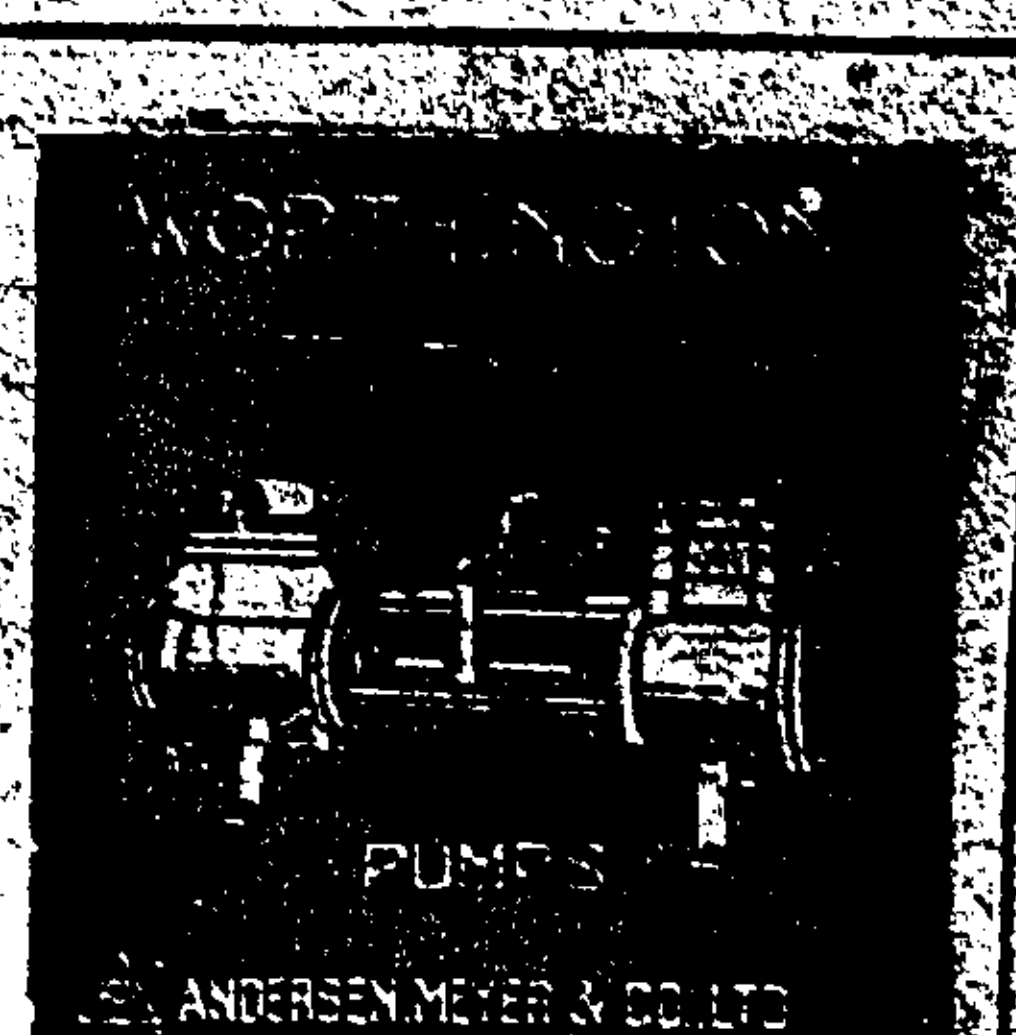
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TROUBLE WITH INDIAN TROOPS.

Insubordination Amongst Imperial Lancers.

(Reuter's Service.)

Hyderabad, April 24.

A serious case of insubordination amongst Indian troops is reported.

The 1st Imperial Service Lancers, dissatisfied with their pay, refused to don their uniforms. The Nizam ordered all men refusing duty to be dismissed and the order was being carried out when 190 men of the 2nd Lancers refused to attend the muster roll. Consequently 250 men of the 1st Lancers and over 100 of the 2nd Lancers were dismissed.

The attitude of the men is entirely non-violent. Both regiments have good war records.

PROGRESS AT GENOA.

British Delegates Regard Position as More Satisfactory.

Genoa, April 24.

No. 1 Commission has resumed its labours.

The atmosphere of the conference generally to-day is described as sunshine after rain. The British delegates regard the position as more satisfactory.

The results already achieved include the practical completion of the labours of the Financial and Transport Commissions, while the Economic Commission has also made good progress.

France Still Determined.

Bar-le-Duc, April 24.

M. Poincaré, addressing the Meuse Council-General, said that France would only remain at Genoa on condition that she was not called upon to make concessions either to Germany or to Soviet Russia. It was indispensable that the Allies retain control of Germany's armaments. When Germany had been completely disarmed France would gladly follow suit. M. Poincaré concluded that whatever occurred at Genoa the new situation resulting from the Russo-German treaty was one of the most formidable since the armistice, and must be examined in conjunction with the Allies. France was determined to preserve everything gained under the Treaty of Versailles.

Lord Birkenhead's Conference.

Genoa, April 24.

Lord Birkenhead, in a speech dealing with the broad aspect of the conference, warmly denounced "those who never gave the conference a fair chance." He was confident that harmonious conclusions could be obtained; on the other hand, failure of the conference would result in one of the blackest moments since the Middle Ages.

Russian Proposals.

Genoa, April 24.

On the resumption of the expert committee dealing with Russia, the Soviet representatives submitted a document stating that in the event of the powers granting adequate credits and agreeing to *de jure* recognition, the Soviets would request complete suppression of war debts and a moratorium in respect of interest due to creditors.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

Sir John Jordan's Reply to Chinese Delegate.

Geneva, April 24.

Interviewed in regard to the statement of Mr. Chao Hsin-chu, the Chinese representative on the Opium Commission of the League of Nations, that while the reports of the Chinese Government commissioners from twelve provinces or parts of provinces confirmed that poppy was again being cultivated to some extent, strict orders had been given for destruction of the crops when found, Sir John Jordan declared that the reports were futile, as they omitted the most important provinces. He had evidence that in February last opium in some quarters was being cultivated over a greater area than for many years. He estimated the present production at 25 or 30 per cent. of the production of 1907.

Sir John described the policy of the Indian Government in continuing to send opium to Hongkong and elsewhere as very unsatisfactory. The Chinese argued that if India and other countries were supplying Chinese abroad with opium, why should not they grow it for Chinese at home? British communities in the East were of opinion that the prestige of Britain was being very seriously injured by this action.

WIFE OF ITALIAN MINISTER TO CHINA

To Be Tried in Camera.

Rome, April 24.

The Marchesa Durazzo (wife of the Italian Minister to China), who is alleged to have attempted to murder her rival at a Peking hotel, has left the nursing home in which she has been detained since she returned from China. The Marchesa was taken in a closed motor-car to an unknown destination, probably Ancona, where she will shortly be tried by the Court of Assizes in camera.

[Some sensation was caused in Peking last year by the death of Capt. Pietri, of the Italian Navy, who was stated to have committed suicide and an alleged attempt by the Marchesa to kill an Italian girl at a leading hotel in the Chinese Capital, because the latter had supplanted the Marchesa in the Captain's regard.]

IRELAND ISOLATED.

Widespread Suspension Of Business.

London, April 24.

In accordance with the Proclamation cabled on the 21st, inst., business is suspended in twenty-six Counties of Ireland. It is being carried on in Ulster but is hampered by the cessation of communications with the Free State. The isolation of Ireland as regards the United Kingdom is complete.

More Bloodshed.

London, April 24.

Two were killed and eight wounded at Belfast during the week-end, including a woman killed by a bomb which exploded at the door of a chapel mid-church-goers, and a man shot dead in his house as a reprisal for the murder of a woman.

TIN OUTPUT.

Straits Restriction Scheme.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, April 25.

The Directors of the Brown Waugh Tin Company, Penang, have published a pamphlet advocating a scheme of voluntary restriction in output, aiming primarily at the consumption of heavy tin stocks held by the Malayan and Dutch India Governments. They point out that until the unwanted stocks of 16,000 tons are consumed, manufacturers will retain the whip-hand over consumers and the output can only be reduced by co-operative scheme or the shutting down of the mines, the latter consuming financial resources, throwing labour into unemployment and driving Chinese capital, which is largely invested in the industry, from the country. Control of output is easier than in the case of rubber.

SHANGHAI POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

Four Hundred on Strike.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, April 24.

Four hundred employees of the Chinese Post Office struck to-night for more wages and shorter hours. They particularly complain of the regulation requiring them to deposit a portion of their earnings in the Postal Savings Bank.

BRITISH RECEPTION AT SHANGHAI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, April 24.

Hundreds attended the reception in honour of Sir Edward and Lady Pearce, arranged by British organisations.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD'S POLICY.

European Manager's Views.

London, April 24.

Mr. Joseph B. Shedy, European manager of the United States Shipping Board, arrived at Plymouth from New York, where he has been conferring with the Board. He said that organisation expenses in Europe had been reduced by 71 per cent, and advocated the restriction of routes and the elimination of competition between American ships.

THE ALLEGED CANNIBALISM IN RUSSIA.

U. S. Commissioner Discredits Report.

Riga, April 24.

The United States Commissioner does not believe the report of an American relief worker having been eaten at Samara. He says that he has heard nothing of such an occurrence.

CHECKING FALL IN COTTON MARKET.

Egyptian Government as Purchaser.

Cairo, April 24.

As an extraordinary measure, the Government is entering the cotton market as a purchaser in order to check the continued fall in prices.

BANTAM-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF EUROPE.

French Boxer's Success.

London, April 24.

At Liverpool, in a contest for the European bantam-weight championship, Charles Ledoux (France) outpointed Tony Harrison of Hanley.

ROYAL VISIT POSTPONED.

The Hague, April 24.

The King of Sweden's visit, announced for May 4th, has been indefinitely postponed in consequence of the death of the Dowager Duchess Marie of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Taikoo Man Injured.

Just about fifteen minutes ago, an unfortunate motorcyclist, who was riding on the road between the main thoroughfare and the main thoroughfare, was so injured that he had to be removed to hospital.

It appears that the motorcyclist, a passenger, was riding down the steep road, which leads from Stanley Road to the main thoroughfare, when the brakes of the cycle failed to act and the machine got out of control. The motorcyclist ran into Mr. Macarthy's shop, coming into such violent contact with one of his legs that the limb was severely lacerated, necessitating his removal to the Government Civil Hospital. It was fortunate that there were no other people on the roadway at the time. Just previous to the mishap several children were going up the hill.

NEWS FROM PEKING.

President Threatens to Resign.

A Peking telegram states that, according to current reports, Chang Tso-lin who is said to be in the position of holding a "confidential" position, is threatening to resign.

Another Peking message states that the mediators sent by the President have proposed that the Fengtien troops, which have entered Shanhaikwan must retreat, that Wu Pui-fu resume his original post of Inspector of Hunan and Hubei and that Liang Shih-yi retire from the Premiership and be succeeded by Chow Tz-chi.

The President has declared that if the differences between the Fengtien and Chihli parties are not soon settled, he will retire.

LAT-ST CANTON NEWS.

Military Support For Chan?

Our Canton correspondent reports that a rumour emanating from military sources states that all the Cantonese troops now in Kwangsi are proceeding northwards via Lin Hsin and intend joining Chan King-ming at Waichow.

All the chiefs of the various departments who were appointed by Chan King-ming have been notified that they must tender their resignations, as a number of new men have already been appointed in their places. Those affected are the superintendents of Customs and the Arsenal, as well as the Harbour Master.

Sun Yat-sen has appointed Hsu Shing-che as Commander-in-Chief of the 1st Division of the Expeditionary Army, Li Lih-hun of the 2nd Division and Chan King-ming of the 3rd Division. He has telegraphed the latter asking him to take up his duties.

It is stated that a syndicate has indirectly proposed to the Government that gambling should be again permitted in Kwangtung and that if the privilege is granted a sum of ten million dollars will be paid for military expenses and the redemption of provincial bank notes. Sun Yat-sen is reported to be inclined to agree to the proposal for the time being, the gambling concession to last till the country is reunited.

The following items are from the daily Canton Times:

General Ngai Assumes Office.

General Ngai Bong-ping assumed his new office as Canton Garrison Commissioner on 23rd inst. A proclamation had been made by him to the effect that he will hold the responsibility of placing the city in good peace and order. It is reported that a set of regulations have been made defining his duties which are as follows: 1. The Commissioner shall have the power to control all the soldiers and policemen now quartering in the city; 2. In order to maintain peace of the city, the Commissioner shall have the absolute power to arrest and punish the misconduct of citizens and soldiers according to law; 3. The Citizens of Canton shall observe all instructions from the Commissioner; 4. The Commissioner has the authority to censure telegrams and letters in the Post Office; 5. The Commissioner shall have the power to inspect trains and steamers in the city.

New Commissioner of Finance.

Mr. Chung Sau-nam, ex-Commissioner of Finance, has tendered his resignation to President Sun Yat-sen, who has accepted it and has issued a Presidential Mandate appointing Mr. T. T. Cheng as the new Commissioner of Finance of Kwangtung Province. Mr. Cheng is also the Managing Director of the Provincial Bank of Kwangtung.

Arsenal Directorship.

The resignation of General Chen Yang-hsing, ex-Director General of the Arsenal, has been accepted by President Sun. In view of the importance of the position, President Sun is very careful in the selection of a successor. It is reported that Mr. Jui Cho-man, a famous aviator and Chief of the Aviation Bureau of the Canton Army, has been mentioned to succeed Gen. Chen as Director General of the Shencheng Arsenal.

Sun and the Officials.

A telegram had been despatched by President Sun to all the government officials of the province instructing them to remain in their offices. In the telegram, the President says that his returning to Canton is to make arrangements for the Northern Expedition; no changes should be made regarding the various offices of Kwangtung; and as soon as everything is ready, he will then lead the grand army to advance northward from Shukwan.

New Governor Congratulated.

The members of the Provincial Assembly have sent a telegram of

A MATTER OF BAIL.

Police Court Argument.

There was something in the nature of a breeze at the Police Court this morning on the entry of Mr. F. X. D'Almada to apply for a remand in a case in which four clients of his were held on charges of possession of arms and of property believed to have been stolen at Swatow.

"Can your Worship fix bail?" Mr. d'Almada asked when it had been decided to fix the case for hearing on Tuesday week.

Mr. Lindell replied that he did not think that would be worth while because the amount would not be less than \$10,000.

The defending solicitor said that that amount was prohibitive and unreasonable. His clients spoke only the Swatow dialect, and he was in the position when he had to see them every 15 minutes in the goal to prepare his case.

His Worship retorted that the bail was meant to be prohibitive. It was intended to obviate any chance of the prisoners getting away.

Mr. d'Almada:—They would not go away if they were on bail.

His Worship:—I don't want to take any risk. The reply was that defendants were not connected with Swatow at all. They came from Amoy, and, in fact, took their passages at Amoy.

Sub-inspector Shaanon, in charge of the prosecution, said that three of the prisoners had been identified, and that was enough for the prosecution.

Mr. d'Almada referred to the Beaumont case which came before his Worship last week in which permission was given for the reduction of the bail. It was a bankruptcy case, Mr. d'Almada said, and the charge was a misdemeanour, as was that preferred against his clients.

The Magistrate said that there were many forms of misdemeanour. He was not disposed to argue further. The bail would stand at \$10,000.

WAR MUSEUM'S FUTURE.

A proposal that a large part of the Imperial Institute should be occupied by exhibits from the Crystal Palace War Museum does not meet with the approval of the first-named body. In a resolution passed by the Council of the Institute it is objected that the proposal would not only involve impracticable restriction of space, but would be detrimental to the work for which the Institute was erected.

The Bank Note Question.

Since the inauguration of the new Governor, Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the Kwangtung Provincial Bank notes in the market are rapidly advancing toward their former value at par. It is reported that up to yesterday, they gradually increased from 60 per cent. to 90 per cent. The reason for this rapid restoration of the Provincial Bank notes to their face value is the fact that a definite arrangement has been made to produce more subsidiary coins by the Government Mint and that Governor Wu Ting-fang has decided to take up responsibility to maintain their value. At noon yesterday, a conference was called by Dr. Wu, which was participated in by the Chairman of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and other prominent merchants of the city to discuss the bank note question. All those present pledged their support and assistance to the Government in the settlement of the present financial crisis. The appointment of Mr. T. T. Cheng as Commissioner of Finance, who is currently the Manager of the Bank, will also bring the matter to a satisfactory issue.

YAUMATI CROWDS.

Hostility to the Police.

Reports from Yau-mat by various Inspectors at the Police Court this morning spoke of a growing feeling of hostility against the police of that and the surrounding Stations. This is said to have been particularly directed against Indian constables, who since the affair that took place about a month ago when the Police Station was besieged by a hostile crowd, have apparently been held in popular dislike. It has now come to the stage when every arrest by the police, no matter how well-deserved, is invariably opposed by the crowds which in such cases gather in large numbers.

When the fire at the M.B.K. was in progress, the police had great difficulty in keeping back the crowd which took to throwing stones and showing other signs of hostility.

Similarly an Indian constable was assaulted during the week-end by a large crowd when he took note of a delinquent truck-coolie, and when an arrest was made of one of the ringleaders the crowd again gathered at one of the "hor police Stations where the prisoner was confined, to the number of nearly a thousand. An attempt to telephone to the Yau-mat Station for help having failed, Sergeant Neil, who was responsible for the arrest and was on this account the subject of this hostile demonstration, found it necessary to fire his revolver into the air. This had the desired effect, the mob dispersing.

Stating that he was resolved to put an end to these assaults on the police, Mr. Lindell this morning made an example of one of the culprits by imposing a fine of no less than \$100 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The last fancy dress dance of the season takes place at the Kowloon Theatre to-night.—Page 4.

"Blue Eyed Mary" is the main attraction at the World Theatre to-night.—Page 12.

Four popular dance records are advertised by the Anderson Music Company.—Page 4.

Keltic footwear is advertised by Messrs. Powell, Ltd.—Page 4.

Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co. Ltd. have a large selection of summer dress materials.—Page 3.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club announces its arrangements for the bathing season.—Page 4.

The annual athletic sports of the Colony take place at Happy Valley on Saturday.—Page 4.

Tiffins at the Deep Water Bay golf course must be ordered by five o'clock the previous day.—Page 4.

An Oldsmobile car is for sale.—Page 4.

The M. V. Glengarry has arrived from Home and consignees are given the usual notice on Page 4.

There will be a dance at the U.S.R.C. on Saturday evening next.—Page 4.

Special caddies will be available at Fanning on Sunday next.—Page 4.

The Dairy Farm advertise salt and butter.—Page 7.

Particulars of the H.K.V.D.C. rifle-meeting are given on Page 4.

Madam A. Meyersburgh is displaying latest gowns at Empress Lodge, Kowloon.—Page 4.

Capt. Evans is lecturing on "The Dover Patrol" at Taikoo Club to-morrow night.—Page 4.

Lammet Bros. are selling rice, etc., on Friday.—Page 4.

A house is for sale on the Peak.—Page 4.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 24 1/2 pence.

The Weather.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE GENOA CRISIS.

London, April 24.
The Russo-German Treaty incident closed for the second, and it is hoped the last time yesterday at Genoa with the ten Powers' reply to Germany. The reply incidentally voices the very general opinion that German action in concluding the Treaty was "contrary to the spirit of loyal co-operation, which is essential for the restoration of Europe." The omen now is more favourable for the most critical phase of the Conference this week, which will show whether Mr. Lloyd George's great aim for a real European Peace Pact will be realised. The French delegates, despite the gloomy and irritated state of feeling prevalent in Paris, were yesterday more conciliatory, a Frenchman resuming membership of the Russian Affairs Sub-Committee, following the withdrawal of the Russian Memorandum as reported on April 22.

A great impression was made by Mr. Lloyd George's plain words at yesterday's meeting of the ten Allies, when he firmly intimated that the British desire to co-operate with the Allies would be unlikely to continue if there appeared feuds. He added that the British Empire was determined to surmount any obstacles in the achievement of peace.

M. Barthou, following, declared that he approved of all that Mr. Lloyd George had said. He and his colleagues were most anxious to dispel all difficulties and co-operate fully in the economic restoration of Europe and the peace of the world. Meantime, it is reported that not only have the demands for a security pact with Britain been revived in France, but for a wide Military Convention including Poland for the enforcement of the Allies' claims from Germany.

Sir Robert Horne journeyed to Windsor, immediately on his return from Genoa and had an audience with His Majesty the King.

THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Paris, April 24.

The inquiry into the affairs of the Banque Industrielle de Chine has extended to the affairs of the Pacific Maritime and Commercial Company, founded by Albert Gallusser in July 1918, who is now charged on the complaint of numerous shareholders with infringing the Company Law, abuse of confidence and swindling. It is alleged that Pernette made considerable advances to the Pacific Company out of the coffers of the Banque Industrielle, to which the Company owed 180,000,000 francs when Gallusser finally received his cheque. Gallusser, however, declares the debt to be only about a quarter of this amount.

THE PRINCE IN JAPAN.

Miyazohita, April 24.

The Prince of Wales' sight-seeing in the beautiful Hakone district was marred by the weather. To-day the vivid green mountains amid which nestles the Yamoto Villa, where His Royal Highness is staying, were shrouded in a heavy downpour. This morning the Prince of Wales went shopping in the picturesque village of Miyazohita, where Japanese puzzle toys are made. He motored to the Imperial Villa beside Lake Hakone and had lunch with the Prince Regent, their last meeting of the tour.

THE ASIA MINOR ARMISTICE.

Constantinople, April 24.

Angora's reply to the Allied note insists on the necessity for commencing the evacuation of Asia Minor simultaneously with the armistice, but proposes to meet the Allied delegates at Ismid for the purpose of preparatory pourparlers, and then immediate peace negotiations if a ground for understanding is found.

PLAGUE IN MANCHURIA.

Interesting Lecture at University.

A very large and keen audience, mostly medical students, listened to Dr. Wu Lien-teh's lecture at the Hongkong University yesterday afternoon on "Plague in Manchuria," an account of the work done by the North Manchurian Plague Prevention Service, of which Dr. Wu was director.

Professor Earle, in introducing Dr. Wu as one of the leading medical men in China, said that the lecture they were about to listen to was especially interesting to them inasmuch as Hongkong was undergoing an epidemic, while the University suffered from an invasion of rats which he believed were the cause of plague. (Laughter.)

Dr. Wu said there were two kinds of plague—bubonic and pneumonic. True, there were some who spoke of septicaemic plague, but it was more accurate to describe this as a form rising out of the other two. Bubonic plague passed from the rat through the flea to the man, in whom it appeared in the form of buboes under the armpits or in the groin. The disease then passed into the blood and set up septicaemia.

An Early Obsession.

When they first started in Manchuria they were obsessed with the idea that the rat and the flea were the primary cause of plague; so much so, that a Japanese colleague was all for exterminating the rats. He (the lecturer), however, thought differently and that they should concentrate on the human factor and seek to find out the methods of infection. They discovered that infection came through the breath, and the question immediately arose as to how to prevent it. They found that the best method was to wear a mask over the mouth similar to the one he had with him there. When this was properly affixed, provided it was not damp, there was no danger

of the bacilli passing through. Some, however, believed that the use of strong antiseptics might be beneficial, but this usually did no harm to the germ and only burnt one's nose. (Laughter.)

Plenty of Volunteers.

After referring to the first epidemic in 1910, Dr. Wu said he was extremely interested in the second epidemic of 1920, because it was a pleasure to work out problems which had not been solved during their first experience. The Government conferred full powers on the lecturer and he had plenty of volunteers, so that from a medical point of view there was no lack of enthusiasm.

During the first epidemic the trouble had been to convince the people of the dangers which faced them. Although they saw people dying daily around them, the fatalism of the Chinese put every obstacle in the way. 60,000 died in the first epidemic. As a result, a conference was held at Mukden for one month, which came to conclusions later embodied in a bulky report; thus when the second epidemic arrived they were much better prepared with a prevention service, laboratories etc. There was very little trouble with the people and they had the full co-operation of the officials. The consequence was that although the population of Manchuria had risen considerably there was a much smaller mortality.

The Marmot.

The pneumonic plague with which they had to deal, like the bubonic variety was also derived from a rat, but it was a rat the size of a cat. (Laughter.) It belonged to the rodent tribe—the marmot, a creature much sought after before the war by the Germans, who used the skin for imitation fables. Millions were sent from Harbin to Leipzig to be dyed and made up.

Ten thousand hunters used to visit the Manchurian regions to trap this animal. They would spend many days in the open air hunting in groups and spend their nights in underground dens herded together in small

HONGKONG CARPENTERS.

Another Local Strike.

Receiving no reply within a specified period to their demands for an increase of pay and improved working conditions, over one thousand Chinese carpenters in Hongkong went on strike on Saturday. This stop affected many shops, several of which have now building work on contract. The strikers belong to the Muk Chang Kung Wui, a comparatively new guild, with a membership of 1,400 to 1,500.

On March 14th, a letter containing three demands was sent to the employers' association by the Muk Chang Kung Wui, one of the demands being a flat increase of 50 per cent. in carpenters' wages. The second demand was for an increase of 10 cents meal money per day (30 instead of 20 cents), while the third demand asked that the day's work commence at 7 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m., with an hour off for lunch. Receiving no reply, the Guild again wrote to the Employers' Association ten days later. The employers replied that negotiations had just been completed in connection with the demands of the Kwong Yuet Tong (another carpenters' guild) for an increase of pay, and that the increase granted by them to the Kwong Yuet Tong, viz. 25 per cent., would apply to the Muk Chang Kung Wui. A meeting was held by the latter organisation, at which the employers' concession was rejected on the ground that they had no connection with the Kwong Yuet Tong demands and that they had not been invited to attend meetings which had resulted in the settlement. The Muk Chang Kung Wui reiterated their demands and on April 16 sent an ultimatum to the employers acquainting them of the carpenters' decision to strike unless a definite reply was received within four days. The expiration of this time limit brought no answer from the employers and, as stated above, the carpenters ceased work on Saturday last.

As reported in the S.C.M. Post some time ago, the Kwong Yuet Tong applied for an increase of 40 cents per day on the minimum wage of 60 cents. The Kwong Yuet Tong is composed of carpenters and their masters, and has a membership of 700 or 800. Members of this guild are reported to be satisfied with the 25 per cent. increase given by the employers.

Yesterday a district watchman was sent by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs to interview officials of the Muk Chang Kung Wui regarding their reasons for striking, with a view, apparently, to mediating.

They slept on bunks one above the other, the bunks were placed under the beds and the room was below the level of the ground.

It appeared from these conditions that the plague could be derived either by one of three methods—from the flea, through abrasions or by inhalation from the fur.

Segregation Methods.

After describing in some detail the symptoms and pathology of the disease, Dr. Wu dealt with the general measures taken for segregating those who had dwelt in the same houses with the infected ones. For this purpose railway wagons were used for accommodation. During the first epidemic they used 120 of these wagons and 60 during the second period. When anyone in a wagon was found to be infected, he was taken away and his companions were transferred to another wagon, the old one being disinfected by steam.

Dealing with certain experiments which were carried out in order to discover vaccines for inoculation purposes, Dr. Wu admitted that most of them were failures. They had, however, discovered groups of organisms in rabbit septicaemia, chicken cholera, and swine plague similar to the plague bacilli but not dangerous to man. It was also found that pigs and birds were not affected by plague germs. He thought therefore that the research of the future would proceed on the lines of using these relatives of the plague germ to render the latter innocuous.

An interesting film illustrating the work of the prevention service brought the lecture to a close.

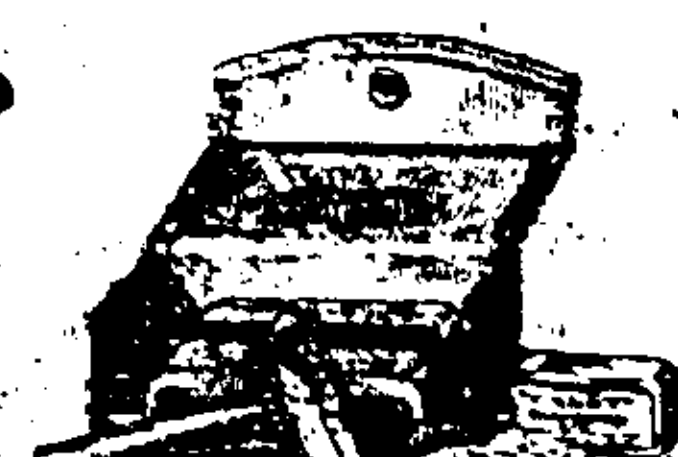
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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 1st May, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before noon. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 1st May, 1922, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Hongkong, 24th April, 1922.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET IN A PROTECTIVE MOOD.

With reference to E. A. Macdonald's acceptance of the appointment of professional to the Nelson (Lancashire League) Club, a prominent member of the Victorian Cricket Association says that there is no doubt that the Australian Board of Control will insert a clause in all future agreements prohibiting members of the Australian Eleven from entering into contracts to play in England at least for some years after their return to Australia.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 5th prox. or they will not be recognized.

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GERMAN PRINCESS.

Love Comedy at San Remo.

The Princess of Schaumburg-Lippe, of Munich, figures in an unfortunate love adventure at San Remo. It is a rather complicated story, with a note of comedy in it. The wife of a Portuguese colonel fled to Nice with a man whose name is given as Humbert Langella, and 100,000 francs' worth of Portuguese securities.

Langella, a Neapolitan, posed as a count, and at San Remo he captured the confidence and the affection of the Princess von Schaumburg-Lippe, who entrusted her jewels to him to be sold. But the police had been watching the pseudo-count, and arrested him, as well as his brother and the wife of the Portuguese colonel. There was a violent scene in the hotel, where they were guarded until a decision was taken as to what should be done with them.

When the woman learned that she had a rival in the German princess, and that she had been deceived, she heaped reproaches upon Langella, who it is stated, beat her. Langella was taken to prison. It is alleged that the princess is the object of a complaint lodged by a jeweller, who advanced money on her jewels.

FRANCE AND SHIPPING SUBSIDIES.

A bill has been tabled in the French Chamber for the purpose of encouraging French shipping interests to invest in oil tankers. It has passed through the hands of various Parliamentary Committees. Now in its revised state, it arranges that for five years a subsidy is to be granted from funds handled by the Offices des Petroles to owners of French-built tank steamers and to French owners of foreign-built vessels of less than fifteen years of age. It is probable that those of the former category will find themselves slightly favoured, so as to encourage building in French yards. It is probable that the law will have its effect prolonged over five years if results over the first period are satisfactory.

THE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE.

Are Variations Directed?

Darwin convince the thinking world of the fact of evolution. All subsequent work has added strength to the conviction. But with regard to the theory, the origin of variations remains as obscure and as open to conflicting interpretations as when Darwin wrote. He spoke of them as "chance," adding, however, the deliberate caution that he employed the word only as implying the fact that we were ignorant of their cause, writes the Science correspondent of the Times.

But the caution was overlooked, and his theory came to be described, in a famous phrase, as the "origin of the fit from the fortuitous." Such a doctrine seemed to isolate life from the orderly sequences of cause and effect discovered in the realms of physics and chemistry. It received an oddly balanced support from two schools otherwise in perpetual enmity. The upholders of dogma accepted it greedily as throwing ridicule on the whole conception of evolution. Those who used to be called materialists embraced it defiantly in preference to the crude teleology of the dogmatists. But it consorts so ill with the texture of the human mind that it could have no enduring place in thought, even if there were no alternative.

DIRECTED EVOLUTION.

Many alternatives have been suggested. One group of these consists of little more than inventing names or phrases, such as "bathism," "entelechy," "creative evolution," and so forth, to express passionate dislike of a scheme of the cosmos which includes chance. Consider the exquisite adaptations of a flower in colour and scent and structure to fertilization by a particular insect: consider the species of jays stretching from Britain to Japan, each perfect and different; consider the ascent of man from the beast. How can such fitnesses, diversities, and progressions have arisen from insignificant variations? Surely life itself must have the inherent power to control its own destiny either without the aid of any principle of natural selection, or

at the least by providing exactly the kind of variations which are fitting?

Philosophically, however, all these theories are outside natural science. They are restatements of a doctrine of supernatural creation with the difference that the Creator instead of acting on living matter, is made immanent in it. They are older than science, which, indeed, they may survive. But they exclude biology from the other sciences.

The revival of Lamarckian conceptions was another effort to get rid of chance. Living material is plastic, and every individual, in consequence of its relations to the environment, may push itself or be hammered into some kind of adaptation. Certainly there has been a great increase of knowledge as to the part played by the environment in moulding each individual life, but as yet neither observation nor experiment has afforded any but the faintest suggestions that these effects on the individual can be transmitted to progeny in such fashion that they will reappear with a smaller contribution from the environment. The main guiding forces of development reside in the fertilized egg-cells, not in the environment; two little blobs of living jelly in the same tank of sea-water will grow one into a sea-snail, the other into a starfish.

THE PALEONTOLOGICAL VIEW.

Recently in this column I described how the Mendelians, at one time confident that they could explain evolution without natural selection, have confessed their failure.

Leading paleontologists, such as Professor H. F. Osborn, in America, have claim that zoologists and botanists are too short-lived to trace species or adaptive characters from their first appearance to their full expansion. Not in a few generations, but only in a series of years, prodigiously long compared with human life, is it to be supposed that permanent changes can arise, grow, and become established. The fossil records in many cases stretch backwards almost unbroken for a sufficient length of time. If successful characters arise by selection from fortuitous, undirected variations, then the fossil records should show this process at work. But, they say, the process is quite different.

The first appearance of what is going to be, ages afterwards, a significant cusp on a tooth or a huge pair of frontal horns, is not a set of irregularly arranged little marks on the primitive tooth or knobs on the primitive skull, from which the most useful are afterwards picked out. The cusp or bony knob appears from the very beginning exactly in the place in which it is afterwards to be significant, and, through the successive layers of rock, in the long line of ancestry, now steadily, now by jumps, grows larger, precisely as if it were growing towards an inevitable purpose. Such variations are described as "orthogenetic," as determinative, or directed towards adaptation from the beginning. Osborn has gone the length of saying that they are favourable to the hypothesis of the existence of "some quite unknown intrinsic law of life."

The interpretation is open to the general criticism that it is easy to be wise after the event, and to attach significance to the early beginnings of structures or of characters which we know afterwards to have reached the utilitarian stage. But if we are to regard it as a mystical interpretation of the process of evolution, it is to be noted that these orthogenetic lines of evolution have been traced not only to useful characters, but to characters which have plainly led to the destruction of their possessors. Its great interest is that it is based on what, so far as I know, are the only actual observations which in the 60 years since the "Origin of Species" was published, appear to be in conflict with the principle of natural selection.

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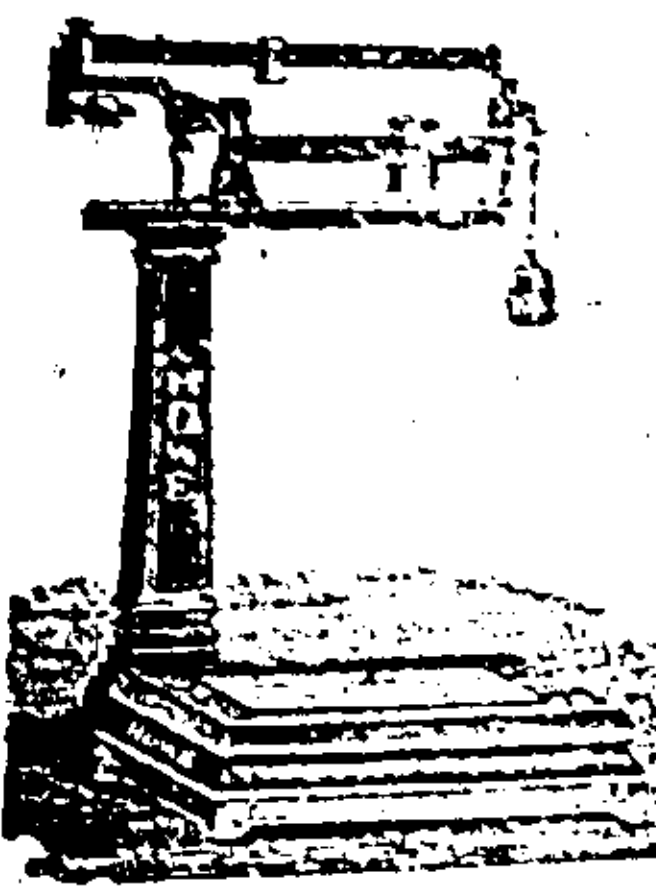
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**COMMERCIAL
INTELLIGENCE OFFICE.**

The annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce contains the correspondence relative to a Commercial Secretary for South China with headquarters at Hongkong. From this it appears that the powers that be have handled an important matter in casual fashion. One of the Commercial Secretaries attached to the Legation at Peking came down here to open an office experimentally. When Mr. Brett went on leave, Mr. E. G. Jamieson took over, but in January of last year the exigencies of the Consular Service necessitated his transfer to Shanghai.

Evidently nothing had occurred to suggest failure of the experiment, for we find the British Minister at Peking inquiring as to the views of the Chamber of Commerce in regard to the appointment of a permanent Secretary. The Chamber replied, through the Colonial Secretary, expressing its views in no half-hearted manner, stating that not only did the commercial requirements of the port call for a permanent Secretary, but that the branch here should be reinforced with a Travelling Assistant Secretary. The Chamber also deprecated strongly the suggested transfer to Canton of the branch for South China, coxently intimating that Hongkong is practically the commercial capital of the South, most of the mercantile houses in Canton being subsidiary offices of firms here or in Shanghai. It may be recalled that as far back as October 1916 the Chamber passed a resolution affirming that a Commercial Attaché, controlled by and working through H. M. Legation at Peking, should be stationed at Hongkong.

This is a matter of more than ordinary importance, or, rather, to a port like Hongkong it is a matter of primary importance. As the Imperial Government, for financial reasons, is not disposed at present to augment the Consular Service in the Far East, the stand taken by the mercantile communities out here, and voiced at meetings of various Chambers of Commerce, including the annual gathering at Shanghai last September, is that requirements might be met by supplementing the Commercial Diplomatic Service. Now that the attaches have been restored to

their former number following the resignation of Mr. Archibald Ross, the cost of bringing the personnel up to requirements would be a bagatelle. The office here was shut down through passing circumstances, and the authorities have let matters rest there. The Chamber of Commerce has shown itself sensible of the importance of the question, and will, we trust, take any necessary further steps to prevent it from being lost sight of.

The Right Note.

We are all for anything, in the present juncture of this Colony's affairs, that will lead to closer and more intimate Anglo-Chinese relationships. In the Queen's College Old Boys' Association we have an organization that is doing good work along these lines, and we were gratified to note that at Saturday's annual dinner some emphasis was laid on this particular aspect of its activities. The College has sent out some finely-equipped young men who have been a credit to the institution and have served this Colony and China well. And there are today in the College many who, we may be sure, will fill prominent posts in the government of the Oriental republic in days to come. With admirable appositeness, Sir Robert Ho Tung, in the course of a speech at Saturday's function stressed the desirability of young men of this type realising their duty as residents of a British colony. He pointed out that patriotism to this country of one's birth was a virtue worth cultivating, but urged all enjoying the hospitality of this Colony to remember the moral obligation resting upon them as peaceful residents and the gratitude that was due for the protection afforded them here. No-one wants to see the young Chinese of this colony denationalised; the education they receive is not designed to lead them to that end. They have a right and a duty to take an intelligent interest in the affairs of China. But they have obligations also to British authority—responsibilities as well as privileges. And if they follow the timely advice of Sir Robert Ho Tung, they, their country and Hongkong will be the gainers in the long run.

Not Good Enough.

Whatever may or may not have been done in the way of improving our Fire Brigade in accordance with the recommendations made by the Captain Superintendent of Police, we regret to notice that there is little evidence of the floating service being made more efficient. The other day we had occasion to comment on the delay in the arrival of the floats alongside the Kowloon wharf when there was an outbreak aboard the s.s. Japan, and we now learn that on the occasion of the coal-yard fire at Yau-matien Sunday night it was well over an hour after the alarm was given before the fire-float appeared on the scene. We seem to remember that there was at one time some talk of installing searchlights on the floats, but apparently nothing has been done in this regard. For at Sunday's outbreak the same old kerosene torches were in use. The whole outfit, in fact, gave one the impression of being sadly out-of-date. Considering the size and importance of Hongkong as a shipping port, it does appear that we are far behind the times in fire-fighting equipment afloat. Let's hope that we shan't need a really serious flare-up to teach us an obvious lesson.

Interport Polo.

The Hongkong Polo Club, which recently engaged the Prince of Wales' team, is about to try its mettle in the Philippines, the following combination embarking last evening for Manila per the s.s. Keystone State—Mr. W. H. S. Dent (No. 1), Mr. J. E. H. Bibby (No. 2), Major-General Sir John Fowler (No. 3), and Capt. Neville (back) with Capt. Fisher as reserve. Lady Fowler is also of the party. The team will be away for about two weeks (returning by the s.s. Empress of Asia) as in addition to responding to the challenge from the Manila Polo Club matches will be played against various polo organisations in the vicinity. It will be remembered that when the Manila team visited here under the captaincy of ex-Governor Cameron Forbes, the home club proved successful by 5-0. This is a happy augury, but doubtless the Manila players will strive hard to place a different complexion upon the game this time, so we may hear of some spirited polo.

DAY BY DAY.

LEARN TO LIMIT YOURSELF. TO CONTENT YOURSELF WITH SOME DEFINITE THING, AND SOME DEFINITE WORK; DARE TO BE WHAT YOU ARE, AND LEARN TO RESIST WITH A GOOD GRACE ALL THAT YOU ARE NOT, AND TO BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN INDIVIDUALITY.
— Daniel.

Passengers leaving by the s.s. Siberia Maru included Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. E. Ralphs.

Amongst the passengers who left by the s.s. Montezuma were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Dr. J. W. Noble, after an absence of nearly six years, returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Golden State. He is here on a business visit.

Surprise is the keynote of this evening's Coronet Theatre attraction, "A Perfect Crime," an Associated Producers film based on a popular Saturday Evening Post story. It is one of the few pictures that can strictly claim the title of comedy drama, for it is amusing and serious in turns.

Unusual colour will be lent to this evening's Kowloon Theatre fancy dress dance by a real Red Indian in full native dress and armed with a lariat capable of performing many remarkable feats. "Avenge Arrows" in the life are not met at every fancy dress dance. To-night's reveal is the fancy dress dance of the season and it is clear that the management are leaving nothing undone to ensure that it will be the best.

The Colony's annual athletic sports, which are being held under the auspices of the V.R.C. at Happy Valley on Saturday, promise to be a success in every way. We learn there are over 40 entries for the Marathon Race, whilst a good representation has been secured in the Mile championship. The cycle races have also attracted good entries and for the ladies' cycle event there are at present eight entries. All the other events are well patronised and the arrangements for the meeting are being made on the usual thorough lines. The 120 yards Hurdle event was omitted from the programme in error but the event will be held as usual and entries will be received up to 6 p.m. on Thursday.

OUR WAR MEMORIAL.**Cenotaph Scheme Criticised**

The following letter has been sent us for publication:—

Sir,
I would like to ventilate through your columns the opinion that the Cenotaph scheme of the War Memorial Committee should be dropped and the money spent in some more useful way. Public opinion so far as one can gauge it, and especially since H.R.H. plumped for reason, seems averse to cenotaphs and favours the total sum of War Memorial monies to a Nursing Home or to some equally public-serving institution. There is also the point to consider that the Cenotaph was designed for a long and (when compared with its length) narrow thoroughfare, and in the opinion of many architects, is most unsuitable to a square which incidentally is already filled with enough of these monumental monstrosities. If we must continue to waste labour and material in this way why not have a fish pond around the Queen Victoria statue and thus transform an arid space into something really beautiful?

Perhaps you might tempt your readers to air their views on this subject ere it is too late. In this connection I ought to mention however that the Daily Press stated a few days ago that the Cenotaph had been already "ordered." Does this mean acceptance of plans or local contract signed? If it is too late, then one must be content with mild censure of the parties concerned. There is admittedly a thankless task but it really was unkind of them to precipitate in this way their irritation at delay.

Yours etc.,
EX-FIGHTER.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1922.

FAMOUS DUTCH PICTURE SOLD.
Two hundred and twenty guineas was obtained for Wouverman's "View of an Open Country During Harvest" at Christie's.

MOTOR SPEEDS.**What is Reckless Driving?****FOES FOR THE D.S.P.**

When Mr. G. N. N. Tinson submitted his defence in a case at the Police Court this morning in which the driver of car No. 181 was summoned for reckless driving in passing a car in which were Mr. T. H. King, the D.S.P., and his family, at Aberdeen on the evening of 8th April, he expounded the following arithmetical problem in a contention that his client's car was not being driven recklessly:—If Mr. King's car was going at the rate, as the D.S.P. himself admitted, of 12 miles an hour when it was overtaken, and was passed by car No. 181 in a distance of 30 yards, how much faster in terms of mileage per hour was car No. 181 going in comparison with the other car?

Apologising for a slight error by remarking that he could return to school with advantage, Mr. Tinson said that the solution to this problem, reckoning broadly that there were 2,000 instead of 1,760 yards in the mile, would be that his client's car could not be going more than a mile an hour faster than the D.S.P.'s car.

Mr. King was subjected to the following cross-examination:—

At what speed do you say you were going?—Between 12 and 13 miles an hour.

And you were in a controlled area of ten miles?—Yes.

And do you not consider that reckless driving?—I do not consider that was reckless driving.

Do you consider 13 to 14 miles reckless driving?—After some hesitation Mr. King said that it all depended on the circumstances.

And do you consider that 14 to 15 miles reckless?—I would not say that it was not reckless. It would certainly be reckless if the traffic was crowded at the time.

In reply to another question, Mr. King said that a car proceeding at 10 miles an hour in a controlled area should not be passed. His argument applied with equal force in the present case, even though his car was travelling slightly above this limit.

Is that the reason why you kept over the speed limit—so that you would know anyone driving faster than you would be driving recklessly?—No. In a controlled area any car passing another car which was being driven at 10 miles an hour would be driving recklessly.

Why do you think that it is not reckless for one car to go at a speed of between 10 and 12 miles in a controlled area of 10 miles, and reckless when two cars pass abreast at that speed?—It would be unsafe driving for two cars to go along abreast.

You were going over the limit were you not?—I was driving well on the left hand side of the road.

Mr. King stated that the defendant's car passed him in about 30 yards, and on this basis the defending solicitor estimated that his client's car could not have been going more than a mile an hour faster than Mr. King's car.

The Court investigated the figures on this point, after which Mr. Tinson continued his cross-examination of the witness:—

You don't like being passed, Mr. King?—I don't mind being passed at all.

Did you stop Mr. Lammer from passing you once?—Yes.

And you admit you were going faster in a controlled area?

His Worship raised a question at this juncture, and Mr. Tinson said:—I am simply suggesting that my client's car passed Mr. King's in a controlled area, which he did not like. I am simply asking Mr. King whether in that case he was not going above the speed limit. I am not commenting on Mr. Lammer's case at all.

Mr. King said that he would like to say that he was not so unreasonable as to take exception at other people passing him on the road. He referred to one or two instances occurring almost on the verge of the controlled area in which he had raised no objection to being passed, or taken action at all.

It was admitted in the Lammer case that it was in a controlled area and you were doing 15 miles?—It was on the Deep Water Bay flats.

Miss Fennel, who with two children were in Car. 181, was called and she stated that she knew the driver was driving at a

PORTUGUESE ACCUSED.**Alleged Salt Smuggling.**

According to the Canton Times, a certain Portuguese is accused by the Salt Commissioner of having attempted to import on board a steamer 60 tons of illicit salt from Hongkong to Heungshan several days ago. The salt and the steamer were seized by the gunboat On-pa, within the jurisdiction of Heungshan district. It is understood that, according to Treaties, no illicit salt is allowed to be imported into Canton either by foreigner or Chinese. The defendant who is also accused of smuggling opium has now referred the matter to the Portuguese Consulate General in Shanghai for judgment.

MORE PLAGUE VICTIMS.**A Heavy Week-End List.**

During Saturday and Sunday no fewer than 26 fresh cases of plague were reported, involving 14 deaths. All the cases were notified from the City of Victoria. The completed returns for last week show a total of 77 cases resulting in 56 deaths.

Apart from plague the week-end was very free from cases of notifiable disease, one fatal case of enteric and one non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever (British) completing the list.

Last week's returns show as many as 20 cases of small pox (14 deaths) two cases of diphtheria (one fatal), two cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one fatal) and two cases of influenza. All the deaths in the above were Chinese.

ANOTHER LANDSLIDE.**One Man Killed.**

A mishap similar to that occurring at the Matakok quarry the other day, took place at Shaukiwan yesterday, when two men were involved, one of them being killed. In digging earth for the reclamation work to the east of this locality, the earth and stones became dislodged and rolled down the hillside. One man was completely buried and when he was dug out after two hours' strenuous work, as the report has it, he was past all help. Crushed between two heavy boulders, his death must have been instantaneous. The body was taken to the Mortuary. Another earth-coulee who was injured in the same accident was taken by ambulance to the Government Civil Hospital.

slow pace when entering Aberdeen village.

After the driver had made a statement that he was not going more than the regulation speed, Mr. Tinson submitted that there was no evidence whatever of reckless driving. There might be evidence that the car was being driven at slightly above the limit, but in that case the admission of Mr. King to a similar offence had to be taken into consideration; also the fact that Mr. King was the third Police Officer in the Colony and that he was the only person in the case who was in possession of the facts and laid the information of reckless and furious driving. Reckless driving meant reckless driving to the danger of the public and also danger to Mr. King's car. Mr. King's contention practically amounted to the statement that it not reckless driving to speed the car at one or two miles over the limit unless it should pass another car. It might for that matter not be reckless to pass another car if at the time in question the state of the traffic was such that it could, without danger to the public, be safely done. There was no suggestion on the part of the prosecution that a child might suddenly dash out of the pavement into the roadway. Mr. King admitted to driving over the speed limit, and driving at that speed he did not expect to be passed by another car. Mr. Tinson submitted that this was untenable.

Mr. Lindell said that, taking Mr. Tinson's word that reckless driving meant dangerous driving, he found that the circumstances were of such a character that it was dangerous in this case. He would impose a fine of \$5 on the defendant.

Mr. King, as a last word, said that the action he took was not prompted by any dislike of being passed.

Mr. Tinson (sotto voce): You might not like his exhaust.

KWANGTUNG CONSERVANCY BOARD.

Progress of the Work.

In his half-yearly report on the progress of work, for the period ended December 31st, 1931, Major W. W. Olivecrona, Engineer-in-Chief of the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung, states—

North River.

During the summer floods the working places on the controlling dam at Lupao were filled with silt, but on the resumption of work during the first part of November, when the water level in the River had subsided to 106.10, this was cleaned out. It was then found that all the piling of the previous season, with the exception of a few 3.2 m. sheet piles which had been washed away, remained intact. The work up to the end of the year continued uninterrupted.

It was found necessary to drive an extra row of sheet piles, 6 m. in length by 13.5 cm. in thickness, over the entire length of the dam in front of the row driven the previous year, and at a distance of 1.5 m. from it. This was to afford additional security against any undermining of the foundations.

The following progress has been made since the recommencement of the work in November last:

Round piles driven, 7.90 to 12.20 m. in length, 652
Sheet piles driven, 3.50 to 6.10 m. in length, 1,320
Concrete laid for Foundation, 210 cu. m.
Concrete laid for Abutment, 887 cu. m.
Concrete laid for Apron, 886 cu. m.
Stone paving, 2,555 sq. m.
Excavation, about 13,000 cu. m.

Pile-driving machinery purchased from America did not arrive in Canton until the middle of November, although the contract stated that delivery would be made in the early part of September. However, this machinery was received, transported up the river, and put together. This included two automatic steam piling hammers made by the Union Iron Works, of New Jersey, U.S.A., which were purchased from the Northwest Trading Co., Ltd., of Seattle and Hongkong. Upon operation the automatic hammers, one for round and the other for sheet piles, proved to be very inferior workmanship and material, both of them breaking down after being in use only two days. They were repaired, but have repeatedly broken down, and working parts such as levers, striking plates, etc., had to be replaced by others made locally of more reliable material, before the hammers could be made to work satisfactorily. So much was this the case, that the only original part now remaining of one of the hammers is the outside casing, and it is fully borne out by our experience that such equipment of only the most reliable material and workmanship should be employed, especially when it is to be used in a country where repairs are both difficult and slow.

The remaining parts of the steel structure of the sluiceway ordered from England have all arrived, and together with most of the materials still needed for the completion of the work, with the exception of cement, are now stored at Lupao.

East River.

With the exception of small repairs to the dyke slopes and stone pitching at the Massai flood gate, no constructive work of any kind has been undertaken. The dyke overseers have generally succeeded in preventing any damage being done to the dyke system, though in some instances their endeavours to do so have been frustrated by the country people.

In accordance with the practice of the previous year, the observation and recording of the rise and fall in water levels has been continued at such places where the construction of flood gates or the closing of channels may be needed in the future. The survey of the dyke system carried on upriver above Shékung has now been extended below that town, and will eventually embrace the whole of the East River delta.

Formerly, an understanding was come to between the Board and the country people, whereby the farmers agreed to reconstruct all the earth embankment for the dyke in front of the village of Tungon, under supervision of the Board. The Board promised

LAWN TENNIS.

Lo Brothers Beaten.

A somewhat unexpected result was attained last evening in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament, when, in the semi-final of the Open Doubles the brothers Lo were defeated by Wong Po-keung and V. Yvanovich, the score being three sets to one and 19 games to 17. The winners took the two opening sets, each by 6-4, only succeeded in registering one game in the third, but won the fourth by 6-3. The first two sets were quite keenly contested, and the Lo brothers' rally in the third seemed to promise a hard tussle for the honours, but the other pair recovered and, settling down to more consistent play, comfortably won. The Lo brothers were not up to their customary form and they did not play well together. The winning pair gave a good all-round display.

In the Handicap Doubles, A. Brearley and H. E. Smith (recreants) beat R. M. Smith and F. A. Dinsdale (owes) 16 by 6-2, 6-1.

SESSIONS CASE.

Four Years for Robbery.

Sentence of four years imprisonment with hard labour was passed by the Chief Justice upon a Chinese who, with four others, not in custody, was accused of robbing a man named Chai Ping of \$300, at Yau-mat. The prosecutor was proceeding along the road when he was set upon from behind by five men, who pressed him to the ground, searched him and relieved him of a belt containing two ten and two five dollar banknotes. The prisoner jumped over a wall into a coal yard and was eventually arrested by a Chinese constable. At the police station he was identified by the prosecutor as one of the men who attacked him, and on being searched \$300 in notes were found in his possession.

Passing sentence, the Chief Justice said it was fortunate for the prisoner that no weapons were found upon him. If there had been he would have had no hesitation in ordering the cut. He regretted that the prisoner's confederates were not in the dock with him; but he would see that he would not have the opportunity of associating with them for some years. He would go to goal for four years with hard labour.

To contribute a sum of \$7,000 on condition that this money be paid only after the work had been carried to completion. To date this work has not been commenced.

Survey of the Front Reach.

Triangulation work has been completed for the whole reach, and a survey in detail of its shores has been finished as the Whampoa Barrier.

The channel has been sounded at every 100 meters distance as far as the Barrier, and at every 10 meters in places where rock was found.

A scheme for the improvement of the reach is now under compilation.

Han River and its Delta.

In the middle of July a surveying party composed of one foreign engineer and three Chinese assistants, was despatched to Swatow to undertake the survey of the Han River and its delta. The survey was completed at the end of the year, and included the levelling of dykes, longitudinally as well as transversely, current measurements, sounding and mapping. The engineer and his party visited every part of the Delta where repairs are needed.

The total length of the dykes, which are all more or less in need of repair, amounts to 300 km. (540 li). A preliminary estimate of the cost of this shows that it will amount to H.K. \$1,600,000.

It is the intention of the population of the delta to raise the money themselves, and to execute the work under the Board's supervision.

Accounts.

Attached is given a statement of accounts for the period with a comparative table to the end of the year with specifications of the different items. From the Customs Funds H.K. \$248,887.57 has been drawn, while the Local Government has contributed Canton banknotes to the amount of \$12,800.00, the equivalent to H.K. \$11,062.01.

A SUSPICIOUS FIRE.

Another Arson Charge.

An alleged attempt to set fire to furniture and clothing valued by Mr. Lammer at \$230 and insured with the Western Insurance Co., Ltd., for \$2,000 was described at the Criminal Sessions, before the Chief Justice (Sir Wm. Rees Davies) this morning, when Lam Wong-yee was charged with maliciously, on March 31st, setting fire to sundry things in the building 39, Wanchai Road, under circumstances that if the building had been set on fire he would have been guilty of felony.

Wanchai Road, Mr. Dyer Ball (who conducted the case for the Crown) explained, is the road running from No. 2 Police Station to Wanchai Market. Prisoner occupied the first floor of Nos. 39 and 41, which floor had been made into one large room.

About two o'clock in the early morning of March 31st, a Chinese constable heard whistles and cries of fire. The officer at once proceeded to the scene, while another constable, who had been accompanying him, went to No. 2 Police Station to make a report. Going into the burning building the constable noticed a strong smell of kerosene. The room of which prisoner was the tenant was all ablaze. The constable looked round, and near a pillar a wooden tub, burning fiercely, caught his eye. A number of Chinese bed boards were leaning against one of the walls, and these, too, were well alight. Going downstairs, the constable found that the fire brigade had arrived. He then went away to attend to his other duties.

In the meantime, Insp. Blackman, who called the fire brigade, proceeded to the scene. It took some fifteen or twenty minutes to put the blaze out, and during this time the Inspector, who looked on from the middle of the road, noticed a strong smell of kerosene. After the fire was extinguished Insp. Blackman went into the room on the first floor where the configuration had been. The first thing to attract the Inspector's attention was a pile of wood-bed-boards, old broom handles, firewood, a washstand and a chair, around the pillar in the middle of the room. Against a wall a chest of drawers, which smelt strongly of kerosene, and in a broken jar was some liquid, which appeared to be a mixture of kerosene and water. On a table was a box, of the kind that might be used to hold a couple of kerosene tins.

When the Inspector returned to the Police Station, continued Mr. Dyer Ball, he found the prisoner, fully dressed and accompanied by his wife and two children. The police sergeant had noticed prisoner in the Station when he came back after having been to call the Inspector earlier in the morning. Prisoner must have arrived at the Police Station within five minutes of the fire starting. Prisoner was not arrested, but he was given shelter in the Station for the remainder of the night.

As a result of a conversation between Inspector Blackman and accused, the next morning the latter went with a constable to No. 9, Graham Street, where a Western Insurance policy to the value of \$2,000, taken out in prisoner's name, was produced. Later, Mr. Lammer conducted a valuation of the insured effects, estimating the value at about \$250. The next day, April 1st, prisoner was arrested and charged. He denied causing the fire.

The case is proceeding as we go to press. The members of the Jury were Messrs. W. J. Crawford (foreman), E. E. Brown, W. Thorn, S. K. Wong, A. Abbas, S. I. O'Shea and W. Hall.

NATIONAL DEBT DOWN.

\$214,000,000 Less Than Last Year—First Reduction Since War.

For the first time since 1913-14, the National Debt, shows a reduction as compared with the previous year.

A statistical statement issued by the Treasury gives the total amount of dead-weight debt for 1921-22 as £7,535,409,690, as against £7,831,744,300 for 1920-21—a reduction of £296,334,610. Other capital liabilities for 1921-22 amounted to £48,738,542, an increase during the year of £1,873,776.

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SENSATION IN THE VOLUNTEERS.

Shanghai "Maritime" Bulletin to be Suspended.

The Maritime Bulletin, a publication issued by the Maritime Coy., Shanghai Volunteer Corps, has decided to suspend publication arising out of the disapproval by Col. R. Marr Johnson of an editorial appearing in this month's issue dealing with "Service Shooting."

The editorial comment was as follows:—

SERVICE SHOOTING.
Next year the King's Prize will be fired under service conditions, instead of the usual Bisley conditions. This points to the fact that the authorities consider service conditions is of primary importance for military purposes. Let us examine these so-called service conditions. At 100 yards a target appears for three seconds, the object is to hit this target. No definite spot is named; so long as the bullet strikes the target it counts a hit. The firer is lying with his rifle loaded, waiting for the target to appear. The range distance is known, so all the would-be marksmen have to do is to adjust his rifle to the known distance, lie down and wait for the target to appear. Are these service conditions? Ask any man who served in the late war. If the targets were real enemies, they would be so accommodating as to wait until all preparations had been made before making their appearance. In the first place, the distance would be unknown where the enemy would appear and, therefore, before men can undertake service shooting with any success, they must first learn to judge distance; judgment of wind is another factor that must be taken into account.

"Under our present service conditions we are shown which way the wind is blowing by the aid of flags, whereas under proper service conditions we would have to rely on other methods, and instead of allowing others to think for us, we should learn to rely more upon ourselves. In Shanghai, providing a man is in good health, it is not necessary for him to undertake any special training to keep fit, to enable him to become a good shot. Under service conditions a man may not come into action until he has finished a twenty-mile march; therefore, fitness is of first importance to the service man. We have no wish to bring the above marching conditions into vogue in Shanghai, but more practice in judging distance might be indulged in. The present rifle range

does not allow us facilities for field practices. It would be too dangerous, but there is no reason why men could not advance up the range in skirmishing order, and on a target appearing the men could come to the prone position and fix their rifle sights to the distance they considered necessary, and points could be awarded to the men who had judged the accurate distance. Of course, no ammunition would be carried, and the targets would appear anywhere on the range except at their usual position at the butts.

"Now the question arises, is our present target shooting a preparation for war marksmanship. If it is, then there must be something wrong, because there are many instances on record where women of very moderate physique have successfully competed with men at rifle meetings, and the marksmanship and fitness required for war would hardly allow women to compete successfully with trained men. To make a group of eight inches at 100 yards, lying in a comfortable position, is quite another thing to lying down potting at an enemy, who, in return, is potting at you. One is service conditions, the other is not. Then why call our present target shooting Service Conditions?"

It is stated that as a result of the above article Colonel Marr Johnson insisted that one gentleman should be responsible for the publication, that all proofs should be read by the Commandant before publication, and that if these two conditions were not accepted the Bulletin would have to be stopped.

It was arising out of this that a decision was come to to suspend publication.

A "MEDIUM" TESTED.

Christiana, March 6.—Investigations have been proceeding in psychical circles here with regard to a Danish medium. The medium, who is said to have been producing so-called "teleplasms," was submitted during a number of sittings to careful inspection by a committee of professors appointed by the rector of the university. The committee now publishes a statement saying that the medium under the arrangements of the Committee of Control was not able to produce any "teleplasms" nor materializing phenomena. Another committee of scientists appointed by the Norwegian Society of Psychical Research, which held a series of sittings with the medium also, publishes a statement declaring its unanimous opinion that the "teleplasms" observed during the sittings were artificially inserted in the body of the medium.

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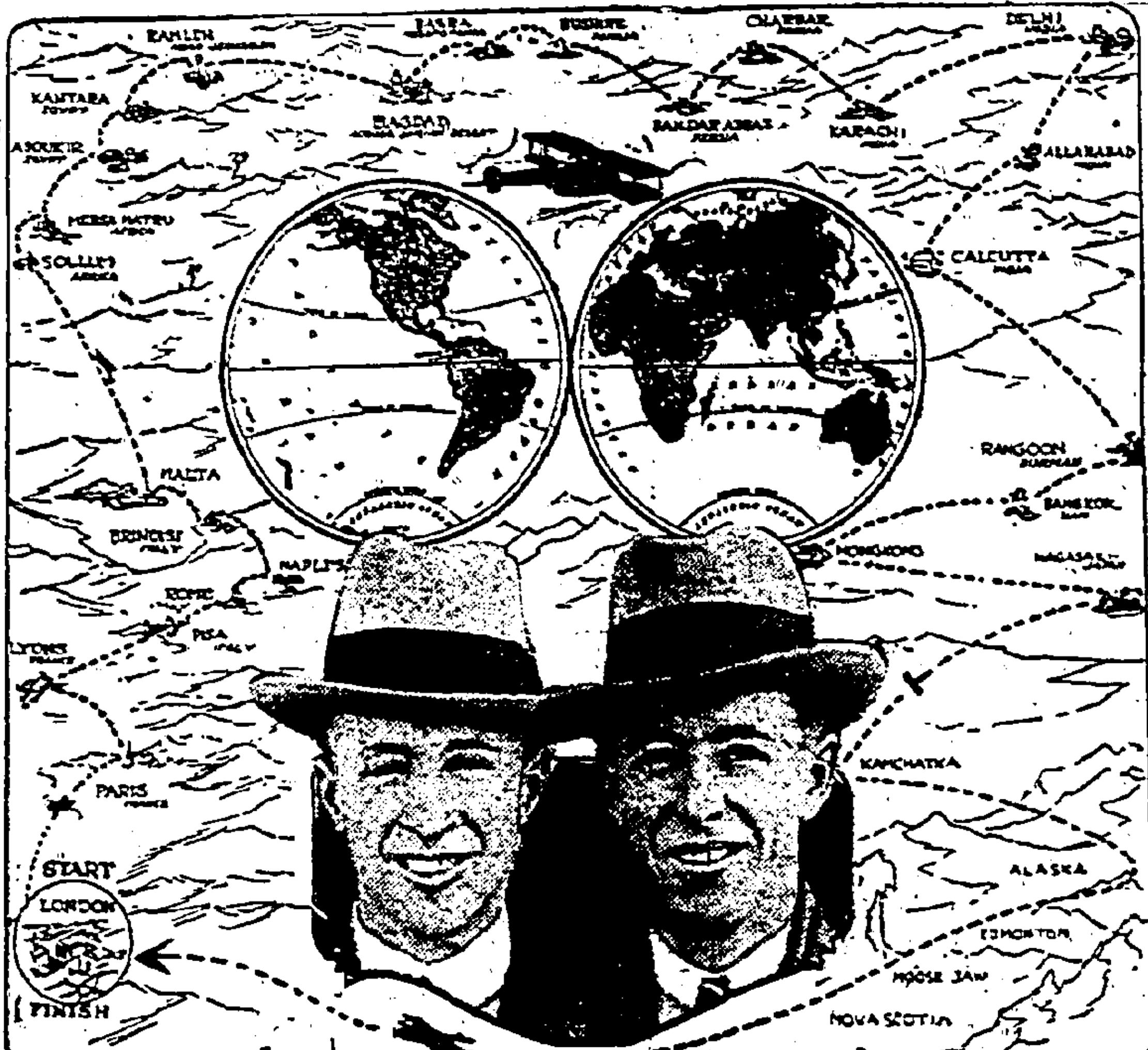
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CAMERA NEWS



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Above are the late Sir Ross Smith (on left) and his brother (Sir Keith Smith), with a sketch of the route they had intended to take on their flight round the world.



Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles had a quiet time on their honeymoon. Here the princess is feeding carrots to "Flying Fox" at Weston Park, the estate of the Earl of Bradford, scene of the first weeks of their honeymoon.



Scene in Johannesburg which has been the centre of the South African mine strike. Bombs, airplanes and machine guns were used to disperse the crowds. Many lost their lives.



Dr. B. T. C. Loder, who has been elected President of the International Court of Justice.



Mr. Lloyd George spends a quiet Sabbath hour with his daughter Megan at Chequers.

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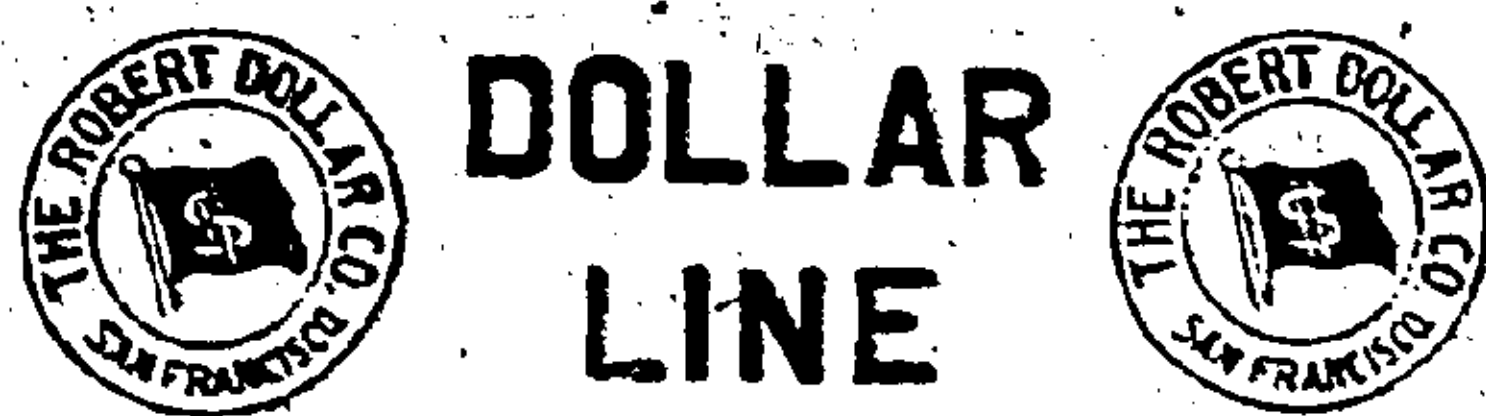
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The Shanghai Exchange Allied Bazaar which is organised by the Pacific Produce and Stock Exchange, the Wu Hai Stock Exchange, and the Chinese Merchants Cotton Yarn Produce Exchange, was recently opened. Its office is at Kiangsi Road, Shanghai. The Hangchow Tinfoil Exchange in Hangchow, Chekiang, has been registered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce.

SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET.

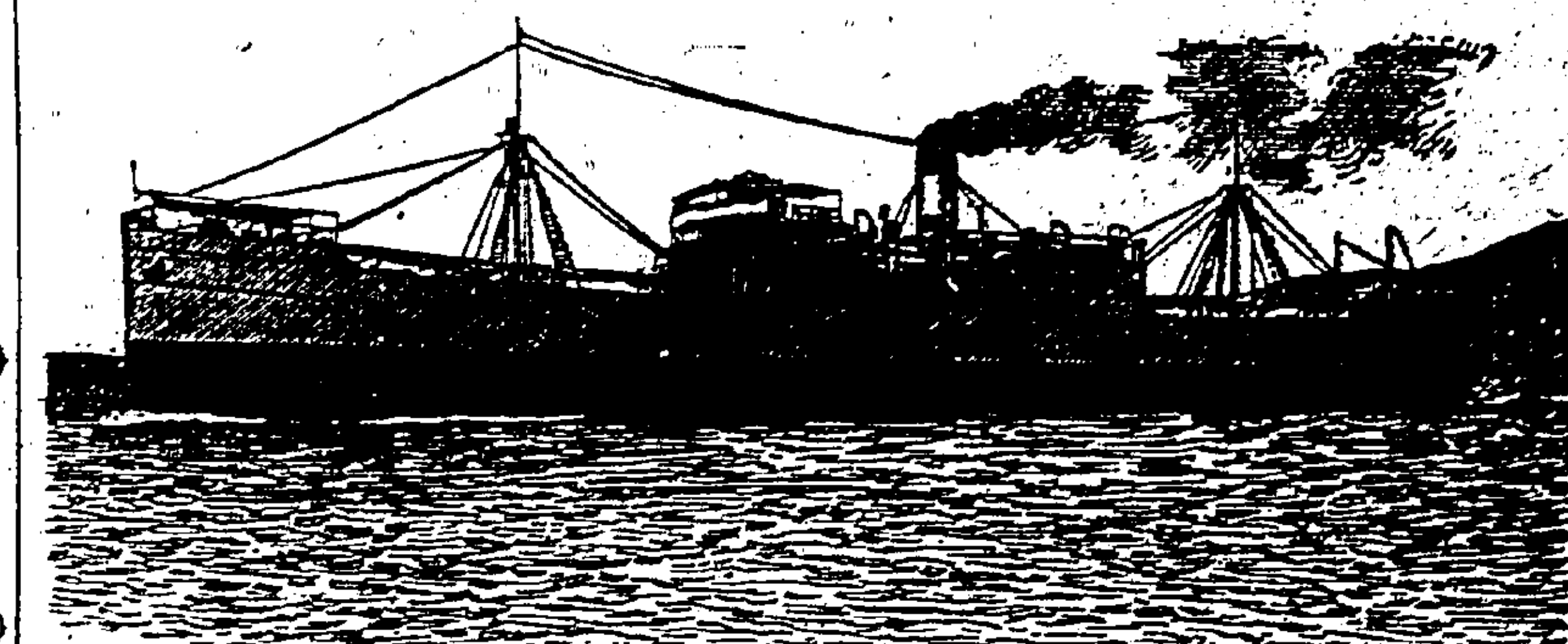
Messrs. A. L. Anderson and Co., Shanghai, in their latest circular to hand state: The situation in the local share market is practically unchanged since we reported a week ago. Banks and Docks show higher. Cottons somewhat lower, and Rubbers are firm at the bargain rates offered. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—In sympathy with a rise in London the local rate improved to 850 with further buyers. The Corporation advertises the closure of the Shanghai register in respect of further transfers which will in future be made to the Hongkong register. Docks and Engineering.—Shanghai have improved to a buying quotation of 114, it being generally expected that the extraordinary meeting to pass the resolution against the reduction of capital will shortly be called. New Engineering are nominal at 860 with some of the preference issue offering at 444.—Rubbers.—Semambu. The net profit for the year is shown as Tls. 12,280.33 which with Tls. 10,000.00 retransferred from Equalization of Dividends and with the sum of Tls. 34,312.49 brought forward from the previous year gives the sum of Tls. 56,592.82 to be dealt with. It is proposed to transfer to Emergency Reserve Tls. 20,000, write off Buildings Tls. 308.83 and carry forward Tls. 35,291.69; the meeting takes place on 20th instant. Shanghai Malays. The meeting is called for 24th instant, accounts not yet to hand.—Miscellaneous.—Cultiva have buyers at 10; Trans "bearer" are wanted at 104 and Shanghai Gas at 25 cum the dividend payable 27th instant. The net profit for the year is given as Tls. 235,366.74 which with the sum of Tls. 2,979.45 brought forward from the previous year is to be disposed of as follows:—pay a dividend of Tls. 216, Tls. 60,000, write off from various accounts Tls. 132,084.41; transfer to Land Purchase Fund Tls. 20,000; to Pension Fund Tls. 10,000; pay a bonus to foreign staff Tls. 8,977.62 and carry forward Tls. 7,284.16. Telephones are steady at 88. Shanghai Horse Bazaars. The meeting is to take place on 21st instant and thereat the Directors will recommend that the net profit for the year which amounts to Tls. 78,815.65 together with the sum of Tls. 87,591.16 be dealt with as follows:—pay a dividend of 10 per cent. Tls. 27,000; place to Bad Debts Reserve Tls. 6,124.90 and to Stock Reserve, Tls. 90,000; write off from various accounts Tls. 19,578.9 and carry forward Tls. 23,703.72.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
YEBOSHI MARU ... Sunday, 30th April.
CALCUTTA via Rangoon.
BENGAL MARU ... Thursday, 27th April.
YAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TANGO MARU ... Friday, 19th May at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
YOSHINO MARU ... Thursday, 27th April at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU ... Thursday, 11th May at 11 a.m.
For further information apply to— **NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**
Telephone Nos. 292 & 293. K. H. KAMEI, Manager.

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Steamer.	Arrives Hongkong from Australia.	Leaves Hongkong for Australia.
CHANGSHA	5th May.	10th May.

This steamer is fitted with Refrigerating machinery, ensuring
a plentiful supply of ice, fresh provisions etc. and has superior
accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in
the State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares.
Cargo booked through to all Australian, New Zealand and Tas-
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FREIGHT & PASSENGER SERVICE
OUTWARDS.

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Subject to change without notice.

For particulars of freight and passage rates apply to:-

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or to REISS & Co. Canton General Agents.

COASTAL SHIPPING.

**INDO CHINA STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Wed. 26th Apr. at noon.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Takang	Thura	Thurs. 27th Apr. at 10 a.m.
TIENSIN	Chipsang	Thurs. 27th Apr. at noon.
Y'FAMA via Moji, Kobe Fookang	Fri	28th Apr. at noon.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 28th Apr. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Vasang	Sat. 29th Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Tingsang	Sat. 29th Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Fausang	Sun.	30th Apr. at d'light.
BANGKOK via Swatow Mingsang	Tues.	2nd May at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Kumsang	Mon. 8th May at 3 p.m.

CALCUTTA LINE.—This Line now affords regular sailings to
Calcutta, Penang and Singapore; Return, from Calcutta
steamers proceed via Straits and Hongkong to Japan
occasionally calling at Shanghai.

All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted
with Electric Light & Fans and carry a fully qualified Surgeon.
SHANGHAI LINE.—Sailings approximately every three days between
Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow. Through
tickets can be obtained and through Bills of Lading are issued
all to Northern and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai.

MANILA LINE.—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by
vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from
both ports every Friday.

HAIPHONG LINE.—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers
and cargo, calling at Hoihow when inducement offers.
BORNEO LINE.—Fortnightly sailings to and from Sandakan by
two 5,000 ton steamers "HINSANG" & "MAUSANG".
Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kudat, Jesselton,
Labuan, Tawao and Lahad Datu.

TIENSIN LINE.—A regular service is run from March to Nov.
between H'kong & Tientsin calling at Weihaiwei & Chefoo.
BANGKOK LINE.—A weekly service is provided between Hong-
kong and Bangkok, via Swatow, by five steamers fitted with
up-to-date passenger accommodation.

CALCUTTA LINE.

S.S. "Kumsang" will be despatched on or about Monday,
8th May, at 3 p.m. for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.
Through Bills of Lading issued to RANGOON, PORT
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Telephone No. 215. General Managers.

C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Szechuen	25th Apr. at noon.
SWATOW, SHAI & TAO	Kanchow	27th " at noon.
WWEI, CHEROO & TTSIN	Huichow	27th " at noon.
AMOI, M'LA, CEBU & TILLO	Taming	29th " at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Sunning	29th " at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Sufyang	30th " at noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Kwangchow	2nd May at noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	2nd " at noon.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	Soochow	4th " at noon.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	Tean	10th " at 11 a.m.

SIAMESE STEAMSHIP Co.
SWATOW & BANGKOK—Lae Samud 27th Apr. at noon.
SAIGON—Thong Samud 29th Apr. at noon.

SHANGHAI LINE.—PASSENGERS, MAILS AND CARGO.
Excellent Saloon accommodation amidships. Electric Fans in
Saloon and State-rooms. Regular schedule service between
Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai (twice weekly) and Tsingtao
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avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

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AGENTS.
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Telephone No. 36.

Cargo and baggage can be insured at the above office.

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HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS SERVICE.

Regular Service of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers having
good accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light and
Fans in state-rooms and Saloon and Excellent Cuisine.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow and Returns,
(Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

Steamships.	Captain.	Leaving.
Halcyon	J. S. Thomson	TUES. 25th Apr. at 1 p.m.
Halcyon	W. Cooper	FRI. 28th Apr. at 1 p.m.
Halcyon	W. C. Faremore	TUES. 2nd May at 1 p.m.

Arrivals and Departures from the Co's Wharf (near Blake Pier.)

For Freight and Passage, apply to

Douglas Lapraik & Co.,
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NANYO YUSEN KAISHA.

The South Sea Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.)

REGULAR SERVICE

between

JAPAN, HONGKONG & JAVA.

For Batavia, Samarang & Sourabaya.

S.S. BORNEO MARU Sailing on or about 7th May.

For Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

For further particulars please apply to:-

Tel. No. 2206.
Second Floor, Prince's Building.

K. SUZUKI,
Manager.

SHIPPING NEWS.

NEW FERRY STEAMERS.
Messrs. J. Samuel White and
Co., East Cowes, are to construct
for the London County Council
two ferry steamers to take the
place of existing boats, at
Woolwich Ferry, for £34,370 and
£35,550 respectively.

TAIYO MARU'S RECORD.
When the T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
left port for San Francisco she
carried one of the largest comple-
ments of passengers known in
the annals of local shipping, 377
leaving Shanghai. Together with
those from Hongkong and Ke-
ting the total number of pas-
sengers was 1,100. Six tenders
were required to take them to
and from the Taiyo Maru.

N.Y.K. NEAR-SEA DEPARTMENT.

It is reported from Tokyo, that
the N.Y.K. has decided to separate
their local line department from
the ocean line. The authorities
of the company negative the
rumour that this separation will
lead to the establishment of a new
shipping company, as there will
have to be a re-jection of
the constitution of the company
and a general meeting to
discuss the matter. The new
department is called the near-
sea line department, covering
the lines Keelung-Yokohama-
Takawa, Ogasawara Islands
Yokohama-Kabafuto, Hakodate-
Kabafuto, Otaru-Maoka and Hok-
kaido ports, in addition to Oaka-
Tientsin, Yokohama-North-China
and Tsingtau, Osaka-Newchwang
and Dairen, including Osaka-
Kobe and Shanghai lines, and
will be under independent finan-
cial supervision. The capital
allotted to this new department
is ¥1,000,000. Mr. A. Shimamura
has been appointed as head of
the department, the head office
being at Tokyo, with agencies at
Yokohama and Kobe. The num-
ber of vessels on these lines is 27,
including the Shinanomaru, while
the captains will be chosen from
those holding 2nd and 3rd-class
qualifications.

ADVANTAGES OF OIL.

The present trend in the British
Mercantile Marine is toward the
more general use of liquid fuel
instead of coal, in fact most of the
larger ships are now being rapidly
converted into oil-fuel vessels,
and practically all new vessels
are fitted to burn oil. But in
spite of the revolution now taking
place in the substitution of oil-
fuel for coal as a means of propul-
sion, many shipping men are of
the opinion that coal will con-
tinue to be largely used in the
smaller liners and tramp steamers,
as the price of coal is likely to be
considerably reduced when nor-
mal conditions again prevail, and
again, there is also a much better
distribution of coal among the
seaports of the world, while one
of the chief drawbacks to the use
of oil-fuel is the difficulty of sup-
ply, oil supply ports being few in
number. Although no doubt this
is a matter which will be reme-
died in time, the cost is also
matter for consideration, but this
will be adjusted in time to meet
the requirements of the demand.
The U.S. Naval Department Com-
mittee report on the advantages
of oil fuel as follows:

(1) A greater evaporative effi-
ciency in ratio of about 14 to 9.

(2) A reduction in the fire-room
force.

(3) Elimination of ashes and
dirty fires.

(4) Convenience of storage; oil
tanks may be located in double
bottoms in spaces now useless.

(5) Rapidity and ease in taking
aboard and handling, as the
manual labour in this connection
is eliminated.

(6) Easy control of fires, per-
mitting sudden variations in
power developed by boilers.

(7) Facility of controlling pro-
portions of the air and fuel thus
ensuring good combustion; there
is no opening or shutting of
furnace doors as is the case with
coal.

(8) Elimination of cinders and
of smoke except at full power.

(9) The reduction of fire room,
there being no space required to
permit working of the fire.

In an article on "oil as ships
fuel" Mr. D. C. Campbell of the
Department of Marine and
Fisheries, Ottawa, says: Possibly
the most important advantage of
oil is the increased cargo space
afforded by its use. In the case
of a 19,000-ton deadweight ship
on a voyage of 7,000 miles using
oil-burning boilers with turbine
or reciprocating engines the
saving in cargo space for fuel
would amount to 800 tons; taking
\$50 a ton as a fair average value
for cargo space an additional
capacity of 800 tons would in the
case of this ship, mean a saving
of \$40,000. It may therefore be
safely said that oil fuel has a
great future before it in Marine
practice.

NOTICE.

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CIGARETTESSELECTED & BLENDED BY
EXPERTS FROM THE FINEST
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Smokers of
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are always sure of a cool and
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excellent flavour

The CIGARETTE for
the CONNOISSEUROBTAINABLE FROM ALL HIGH-CLASS
TOBACCONISTS

Packets of 10 Tins of 50

This Advertisement is issued by British-American Tobacco Co., (China) Ltd.

NOTICE.

Owing to the advancing cost of newspaper production, it has been decided to make an increased charge of 20 per cent. on present rates, as from April 1st, 1922, on the following descriptions of casual advertisements, namely:—
Government Notifications.
Municipal Notifications.
Official Notifications.
Legal Notices.
Company Notifications.
Association, Club and Society Notices.
Thus, of course, does not affect the charges made for contract spaces held by commercial firms or for small "Want" advertisements.

Messrs Lammett Bros. are instructed to sell
The Steamship "K.M. MA"
Now lying off Sham Shui Po
under an
Order of the Court
by
PUBLIC AUCTION.
on
TUESDAY
The 2nd day of May 1922 at
3 o'clock p.m.
In One Lot
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell
Street

The ship is a wooden ship of approximately 1800 tons capacity with accommodation for about 800 Chinese Passengers.
Length 252 ft. or thereabouts.
Beam, 35 ft. or thereabouts.
For permits to view apply to Messrs. Lammett Bros. The Auctioneers.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES and MASTER, Prince's Buildings, or to Messrs. LAMMETT-BROS. the Auctioneers, Duddell Street.

SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER CO., (1922), LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above-named Company which it is intended to incorporate forthwith is issuing a prospectus dated the 18th day of April, 1922, a copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies, inviting subscriptions at par for 40,000 Shares of \$10 each payable as to \$1 per Share on application, \$2 per Share on allotment, \$2 per Share on the 30th June, 1922, and \$5 per Share on subsequent demand.

The subscription list is now open and will be closed on the 25th April, 1922.

Copies of the prospectus can be inspected and forms of application can be obtained at the Office of the Company's General Managers, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for Shares, and application will only be received on the footing of the full prospectus and in the form issued therewith.

Dated 24th April, 1922.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
St. George's Building, Hongkong.

DANCES AT THE PRINCE'S PAVILION.

With the permission of the Government, afternoon dances, from 5 to 7, will be held in the Pavilion, on Monday, the 24th, and Tuesday, the 25th, April. Admission (not including refreshments) 50 cents for each date.

Tickets can be obtained at Moutrie's or at the door. Any surplus will be sent to St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.
The Hongkong Hotel Company are kindly giving the Band, free of charge.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on Wednesday, the 26th April, 1922, at 11.15 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1921, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be "CLOSED" from Thursday, 20th April, 1922, until Wednesday, the 26th April, 1922, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1922.

THE COWIE HARBOUR COAL COMPANY LIMITED.
SILIMPOON COAL.

The undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined SILIMPOON COAL, trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo) or to contract for regular Bunker Supplies for 6 or 12 months at favourable rates.

Steamers calling at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN exclusively for Bunkers are exempt from payment of ordinary Port Charges. The minimum draft of water alongside the Company's Wharf at Sebatik is 28 feet at low water Spring Tides. Charts of Cowie Bay (Sebatik Harbour) and any required information concerning the port can be had on application to
BRADLEY & CO. LTD.
Agents,
The COWIE HARBOUR COAL CO. LTD.



SOLE AGENT,
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, LTD.,
HONGKONG.

VERNON & SMYTH.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business heretofore carried on by FRANK SMYTH as a Sharebroker under the style of VERNON & SMYTH has been taken over by ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON as from the 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1922, and that as from the 1st day of April, 1922, the said Frank Smyth ceased to be liable in any way in respect of the said business and that all liabilities of whatsoever nature incurred by the said Firm of Vernon and Smyth on and from the 1st day of April, 1922, have been and will be incurred by the said Robert Thomas Matheson solely.

Dated the 20th day of April, 1922.
FRANK SMYTH.
ROBERT THOMAS MATHESON.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.
10294/5th. Apexine, from New York.
10879/17th. A. F. Bemis Hotel Astor, from Calcutta.
9877/15th. Mr. Blankenship U.S. S. Wilmington, from Shanghai.

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Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

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Cuisine under personal supervision of the Proprietor.
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Terms Moderate.
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THEATRE

TO-NIGHT.

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FANCY DRESS
DANCE
of the season.

Tickets,
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Hongkong's Most Modern Picture Palace. Entirely Under British Management.

TO-DAY, at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

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"BLUE-EYED MARY"

THRILLING DETECTIVE STORY WITH SMASHING SURPRISE
CLIMAX.

2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

FINAL EPISODES OF "BRANDED FOUR"

Usual Prices. BOOKING AT THE THEATRE.

EXCHANGE.

Opening Rate: closing Rate
on Page 11.

SELLING.

1/1T	2/5 1/4
Demand	2/5 1/4
30 d/s	2/5 1/4
30 d/s	2/5 1/4
4 m/s	2/5 1/4
1/1T Shanghai	Nom.
1/1T Singapore	109
1/1T Japan	118
1/1T India	199 1/2
Demand, India	199 1/2
1/1T San Francisco	55 1/4
& New York	55 1/4
1/1T Java	147 1/4
1/1T Marks	Nom.
1/1T France	600
Demand, Paris	600

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	27 1/4
4 m/s. D/P	27 1/4
4 m/s. L/C	27 1/4
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2 1/4
31 d/s. San Francisco & New York	57 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	640
4 m/s. France	655
Demand, Germany	55 1/4
Demand, New York	55 1/4
1/1T Bombay	199 1/4
Demand, Bombay	199 1/4
1/1T Calcutta	199 1/4
Demand, Calcutta	199 1/4
1/1T Yokohama	118
Demand, Manila	118
Demand, Singapore	109
Demand, Batavia	147 1/4
1/1T Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	85 1/4
On Bangkok	85 1/4
Sovereign	785
Gold leaf per Tael	34 1/4
1/1T Silver, ready	34 1/4
forward	34 1/4
Bank of England rates 4 1/2	
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Hongkong 50 ct. piece	par
10	par
5	1/2%
Canton sub. coin	184%
Hongkong, April 25, 1922	